

VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "One of things I keep learning is that the secret of being happy is doing things for other people." ~ Dick Gregory

January 30, 2013

Wonka's Chocolate Carnival – Feb. 2

Have some fun by volunteering at Wonka's Chocolate Carnival on Feb. 2 at the Boys and Girls Club! Carnival booth themes will be based on movie characters from "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory", and will offer games, activities, and contests. There will be chocolate delicacies, including the chocolate river, and each child will have a chance to win a golden ticket, complete with a special prize. Volunteers are needed to set-up from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., work the carnival booths from 2:30-6 p.m., and clean-up from 6-8 p.m. Groups are welcome to volunteer together. Minimum age is 15; 10 with an adult. The Carnival is a part of LifeDesign's Week of Chocolate, with proceeds benefitting Amethyst House. Please contact Gina Lovell at (812) 336-3570 ext. 203 or glovell@amethysthouse.org. (www.amethysthouse.org)

Humane Association Board Members

The Monroe County Humane Association is seeking individuals dedicated to the cause of animal welfare to join its Board of Directors. They are in particular need of accountants, special event planners, fundraisers and other movers and shakers! Minimum age is 18. Please contact Sarah Hayes at (812) 332-0123 or shayes@monroehumane.org. (www.monroehumane.org)

60 Seconds to Win - Feb. 22

Hurry, the clock is running out to serve as part of the hosting crew for the "60 Seconds to Win" show from 5-10:30 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 22! Volunteers will interact with audience members and help contestants get to and from their seats. They will also assist with setting up and tearing down the game show environment. During this show, contestants are randomly drawn from the audience to compete in crazy and challenging one-minute games, with the

chance to win great prizes. Minimum age for volunteers is 18. To sign up, go to http://bit.ly/60SecToWin or contact Kim Ecenbarger, Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Arts Practicum or Internship

If you are an undergraduate, graduate or continuing studies student at IU or Ivy Tech, consider gaining valuable experience in arts administration or event coordination with a practicum or internship through the USA International Harp Competition. The ninth annual competition will take place July 10-20 and offers tailored projects to help students gain valuable experience in fund raising, marketing, financial management or event coordination. Past interns have worked on competition programs and grant proposals, as well as organizing event logistics and coordinating volunteer activities. A training period is required, with duration dependent on volunteer activity. Minimum age is 18. Please contact the Competition at (812) 856-5715. (www.usaihc.org)

Hospice Patient Support

Southern Care Hospice is looking for volunteers to make friendly visits and provide caregiver relief for their hospice patients, both in their homes and in nursing homes. They are also seeking volunteers to go into nursing homes and assisted living facilities to interact with patients - doing things like bingo, music therapy, board games, bubble therapy, puzzles, arts and crafts or pet therapy. There are several different facilities so there is lots of variety. Volunteers must complete the Southern Care volunteer training program and have a current TB test. Southern Care will do the test for free if you need it. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Cynthia Racey at (812) 334-8343 ext. 24 or cynthia.racey@southerncareinc.com. (www.southerncareinc.com)

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

Community Wish List Spotlight

My Sister's Closet

Provides free workforce attire to women seeking self-sufficiency through employment, and affordably priced casual and workforce attire to the general public. Offers free Success Institute seminars to men and women. To grant a wish, contact Laura Robinson at robinsli@indiana.edu or (812) 327-3581 (www.sisterscloset.org; 404 W. 2nd)

Wishes: new or used Christmas lights (strands, not icicle type) of any color, men's ties, postage stamps, grocery and gas gift cards, pink copy paper and card stock, cleaning wipes, track lighting for store, 30-gallon and tall garbage bags, shelving, pink plastic sacks

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

